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SUBJ: PALME AND THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION RETURN
FROM AFRICA

1. BEGIN UNCLASSTIFIED: SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMAN OLOF
PALME RETURNED TO STOCKHOLM ON SEPTEMBER 11 AFTER A ONE-WEEK
VISIT TO THE SO-CALLED FRONT LINE STATES IN AFRICA--TANZANIA,
ZAMBIA, ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE. A SCHEDULED VISIT TO BOTSWANA
WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL TRAVEL DIFFICULTIES. AS
LEADER OF A HIGH-LEVEL SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION,
COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM TEN COUNTRIES, PALME CARRIED
OUT DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN THE
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FRONT LINE STATES. IN ADDITION, HE AND THE DELEGATION HAD
TALKS WITH LEADERS OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS,
INCLUDING OLIVER TAMBO OF THE ANC, SAM NOJUMA OF SWAPO, AND
JOSHUA NKOMO AND ROBERT MUGABE OF THE RHODESIAN PATRIOTIC FRONT.

2. INTERVIEWED BY THE PRESS ON HIS ARRIVAL, PALME TICKED OFF A
SEVEN-POINT PLAN WHICH THE DELEGATION WILL NOW PRESENT TO THE

SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL, AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) A TERMINATION OF ARMS EXPORTS TO AND MILITARY COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA AS WELL AS PROHIBITION AGAINST THE TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO THAT COUNTRY. THE UN MUST ADOPT A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA;
- (B) A BAN ON CAPITAL EXPORTS AND NEW INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA;
- (C) INCREASED FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE FRONT LINE STATES;
- (D) HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FOR THE ANC, SWAPO, AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, TO ASSIST IN THEIR POLITICAL WORK AS WELL AS THE REFUGEE SITUATION;
- (E) SUPPORT TO THE "VICTIMS OF THE APARTHEID REGIME" VIA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE NAMIBIA INSTITUTE, THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES EXCHANGE FUND AND THE UN TRUST FUND;
- (F) A BAN ON THE RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES; AND
- (G) THE STIMULATION OF SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGNS TO MOBILIZE PUBLIC OPINION AND TO COLLECT FUNDS.

3. PALME SAID HIS DELEGATION IS AWARE THAT THE FIRST TWO POINTS IN THEIR PLAN WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT QUICKLY, GIVEN THE LARGE ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF SEVERAL WESTERN COUNTRIES IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL SHOULD ADOPT THIS ACTION PROGRAM, IT WOULD REPRESENT A TURNING POINT IN THE STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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4. PALME SAID HE WAS STRONGLY IMPRESSED WITH THE DETERMINATION AMONG AFRICANS TO CARRY OUT FINALLY THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID AND WHITE RULE. THE NATIONALIST LEADERS ARE PREPARED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS THROUGH AN ARMED STRUGGLE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS NO WAR ROMANTICISM AMONG THE LEADERS AND THE ARMS STRUGGLE HAS NO INTRINSIC VALUE. IF THE SAME RESULT CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS, THESE LEADERS ARE PREPARED FOR THEM. PALME ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THEIR ASSERTION THAT ONLY AN ARMED STRUGGLE WILL SHOW RESULTS SINCE SOME OF THESE LEADERS HAVE ATTEMPTED NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PAST 10-15 YEARS WITHOUT MAKING PROGRESS.

5. PALME SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE MOST RECENT ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL FOR A TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA COULD BE SUCCESSFUL, EVEN THOUGH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT THUS FAR HAS REJECTED THE PLAN. PALME SAID IT APPEARED TO HIS DELEGATION THAT WHILE THE US AND THE UK ARE PROMISING TO PRESSURE IAN SMITH INTO RESIGNING, THE FRONT LINE STATES ARE PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE TWO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. IF THE TWO OBJECTIVES ARE

ACHIEVED, THE CHANCES FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION WILL INCREASE.

6. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: COMMENT: PIERRE SCHORI, SDP INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY WHO ACCOMPANIED PALME AND WHO WILL BE A PRINCIPAL DRAFTER OF THE DELEGATION'S REPORT TO THE SI, TOLD POLCOUNS IN BRIEF TELECON TODAY THAT AFRICAN TRIP WAS A PERSONAL TRIUMPH FOR PALME, THAT THEIR RECEPTION OF HIM WAS AKIN TO THAT OF A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. SCHORI SAID THE SI DELEGATION WAS HEARTENED PARTICULARLY BY THE FANTASTIC HOSPITALITY IN MAPUTO AND LUANDA, AN INDICATION HE THOUGHT OF THE DESIRE OF BOTH THESE REGIMES FOR HEIGHTENED CONTACT WITH ENLIGHTENED WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, SCHORI EXPRESSED OPTIMISM REGARDING THE EVENTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE US-UK RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS BY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. HE SAID "YOUR REAL PROBLEM" IS WITH SMITH
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AND VORSTER. SCHORI ALSO REVEALED THAT BOTH MUGABE AND NOJUMA WOULD BE VISITING STOCKHOLM IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND THAT THE SDP WILL PLAY HOST TO BOTH. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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